

Nantucket Commission on Disability
Minutes
September 13, 2006

Present: Mickey Rowland, Dick Moran, Phil Gallagher, Linda Williams, and
Brenda McDonough

Absent: All Present

*The meeting opened with the members reviewing June's minutes, which were
unanimously approved.*

Topics:

- Dick mentioned that Dave might need to submit a letter of resignation. Brenda said that she would talk to Dave and that she would actually write a letter for him and have Dave sign it.
- Mickey updated the members on the DOJ's recent visits to Nantucket. Tish Connolly, an assistant U.S. attorney with the DOJ, was going to propose to her supervisor to have six Nantucket businesses comply with the accessibility regulations. If this initiative goes forward, then she would consider the Commission's suggestions as to which businesses we would like to see accessible. The following is the "Suggested List" of businesses that the Commission reviewed and discussed for accessibility:

1. Pacific National Bank, Main Street

Signage at the main entrance directing disabled customers to the accessible entrance on Upper Main Street

Signage on the accessible entrance door

Policy for accommodating a disabled customer

Linda will contact Joel Brown concerning this

2. Congdon Pharmacy

Recessed entryway with a step to enter the pharmacy

Mickey will review

3. Nantucket Pharmacy

Step on sidewalk, then a recessed entrance

Mickey will review

4. Hub

Step on sidewalk at entrance

Mickey will review

5. **Juice Guys**
Several levels on the board walk causing the Juice Guys to be inaccessible
Linda mentioned that the whole courtyard could be accessible
6. **Nantucket Family Chiropractic**
Three stairs to business
No accessible parking
Members agreed that this business could be accessible
7. **Joseph Ranney Chiropractic**
Step to entrance
No accessible parking
No longer at this address
8. **Nantucket Bookworks**
Recessed entry with step to business
Linda saw plans for access at the side entrance
9. **Cumberland Farms**
Steps to entrance
Members agreed that this business could be accessible
10. **Sconset Market**
Step to entrance
Members agreed that this business could be accessible
11. **Summer House Restaurant**
Three steps on walkway
Two steps to the porch
One step to the restaurant
Linda will talk to Peter Carlson about accessibility
12. **Tresses Day Spa**
Step to walkway
Step to entrance
Difficult to make accessible
13. **The Galley Restaurant**
Step to entrance
Linda informed us that the Galley actually has plans for accessibility
14. **Island Pursuit**
Step to entrance at sidewalk
Linda informed us that Island Pursuit actually has plans for accessibility

15. Islander Liquor Store

No accessible sidewalk

No accessible parking

Members agreed that a curb cut is needed

16. Schooner's Restaurant

No accessible entrance

Mickey will review

17. Courtyard Shops

No accessible entrance

Mickey believed that the all the shops at the courtyard could be accessible

- If the DOJ actually contacts some Nantucket businesses regarding accessibility, then Linda remarked that we should create a Public Service Announcement in the newspaper giving the community a heads-up that the DOJ may contact your business.
- Mickey asked the members to look at the businesses on the list and make any comments concerning these businesses at our next meeting.
- Phil suggested that Mickey attend a BOS meeting and let them know what the DOJ is doing on the Island. It would be a way of making the Commission visible to the community. Phil also suggested that Mickey could report the Commission's activities on an annually or semi-annually basis to the BOS.
- We are looking for new Commission members and Brenda will send letters to some permit holders and see if anyone is interested in becoming a member of our Commission. Linda wanted to make sure that the Selectman's office was aware that our commission must have a majority of disabled members.
- Phil requested a copy of the ADA's definition of disability. He feels that he may meet the requirements of being disabled, which would give our Commission one more disabled member.
- Phil commented on Hyannis's RTA service. He loves it could be a model for the NRTA.
- Linda updated us on the sidewalk at 149 Main Street, Dick Caton's residence. In the past, Linda spoke John Smith, Mohammad, and Jeff Willet concerning bricking that piece of sidewalk. (Linda also mentioned that Nanette Cardos also spoke with these gentlemen.) She was told there wasn't any manpower or money to do the job. So Linda contacted Charles Lewis and asked him if the DPW donated the bricks, would he brick the sidewalk at a discounted rate. Linda said that the owners must pay for their own sidewalk repairs.

Brenda McDonough, Facilitator

Our Next Meeting will be on November 1st, 2006

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